Misuse of parking space in and around Connaught Place

1666. SHRI C. O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that twenty-nine prime office buildings in and around Connaught Place area are under-utilizing or misusing their parking space;

(b) whether it is also a fact that it is near impossible to park vehicles in Connaught Place as the basements are being used as offices in those buildings; and

(c) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (c) New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) has reported that in most of the multi storeyed buildings around Connaught Place, basement/ parking spaces are under utilized. A survey conducted by it has revealed that spaces sanctioned for store and not parking spaces are being misused for office purposes. NDMC has started prosecution against the parties misusing storage space in the basements of the multi-storeyed buildings for office purposes.

Steps to improve the condition of slum population

1667. DR. M. N. DAS: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the approximate number of population living in slums in the four metropolitan cities of Delhi, Kolkata, Mumbai and Chennai;

(b) the steps being taken to improve their living condition and towards their poverty alleviation; and

(c) whether any provisions have been made for the supply of drinking water to urban slums?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) The approximate number of population living in slums in four metro cities of Delhi, Kolkata, Mumbai, and Chennai is given in Statement (*See* below).